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Examiner: Eugene Lee
Confirmation No.: 9864

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant: Yoshinori SHIZUNO)
Serial No.: 10/697,311) RESPONSE
Filed: October 31, 2003) after
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on May 5, 2006. No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

In response to the Official Action:

[1] The Examiner notes that as claims 10-20 now depend from claim 1, if claim 1 is allowed then claims 10-20 can be reinstated and allowed.

[2-3] Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under § 103 over Nakamigawa JP '556 in view of Hirano US '749. This rejection is respectfully traversed.